

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Miller et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,079,731) in view of Kobayashi et al (JP 09330118A). The Applicant disagrees at least in some respect. However, the *applicant deleted the rejected claims* to have the matter proceed to issuance as the present rejection was the only remaining rejection in this matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

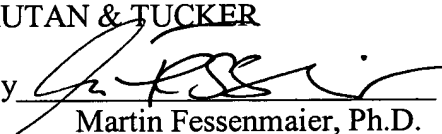
The *Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-5, and 10-13*. The applicant agrees and *claims 1, 3-5, and 10-13 remain unchanged*.

The applicant believes that the present claim amendments are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's concerns and believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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